

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-7 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claim 6 and 7 are amended; Claims 5, 8, and 9 are canceled, and no claim are added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; the specification was objected to; Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,162, 283 to Bae; and Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bae.

With respect to the objection to the drawings and specification, Claim 6 is amended by the present amendment. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings and specification is respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), those rejections are respectfully traversed. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art does not teach or suggest a boss, provided at a position adjacent to an end of the first slit, which is configured to project upwardly above the first body, wherein the slider contacts with the end of the first slit in the closed state, and wherein said second body, within an area in which the second body is superposed on the first body in the opened state, includes a second slit in which the boss is slidably engaged, as recited in Claim 6.

In accordance with the features of the claimed invention and one or more embodiments of the invention, the engaging pawl 7, the boss 21d and the slit 31b constitute an x-axis-rotation preventing means, which prevents one body from rotating on any one of the axes parallel to the X axis relative to either of the fixed first body 2 or the fixed second body 3. Please see the discussion in the present specification at least on page 14, second

paragraph. Further, the slider 4b and the slit 21b constitute a Z-axis-rotation preventing means for preventing one body from rotating relative to either of the fixed first body 2 and the fixed second body 3 on any one of the axes parallel to the Z axis. Thus, a single slider 4b and its attachment accompanying therewith may be one. See page 15, second paragraph of the present application. Additionally, the bosses 21d spaced apart from each other in the X-axial direction are arranged to engage in the slits 31b as shown in FIG. 6 and FIG. 7. Accordingly, in an example, these members may also constitute the Z-axis-rotation preventing means, see page 15, third paragraph of the present specification. As discussed on pages 15-16, the boss 21d, slit 31b, slider 4b, and slit 21b provide a Y-axis-rotation preventing means.

In contrast, Bae discusses two guide slots 26 formed in the lower casing frame 202, and a module 30 formed with main housing 10. The guide slots 26 engage the module 30 to provide the closing force to housing 20 in a first sliding length L1 and the opening force to housing 20 in a sliding length L2. As best shown in Fig. 6c, when the phone is in the fully opened position, at least the guide slots 26 that are a part of the frame 202 extends above the main housing 10. As such, the guide slots are not provided entirely within an area in which the first body and the second body are superposed in the opened state.

Again, Claim 6 recites in part, a boss and the first slit in addition to the slider and the second slit. In accordance with the claimed features, strong X, Y, and Z axes-rotation preventing effect is obtained due to the multiplier effect according to the above-mentioned structural elements. In the opened state of the first body and the second body as illustrated in FIG. 13 for example, since the slider is fixed on the second body, the slider slides along the slide rail 4a in the direction of the upper end in the longitudinal direction of the first body. Then, the slider is positioned on nearby the upper end in the longitudinal direction of the first slit and on nearby the center in the longitudinal direction of the second body.

Further, in accordance with the claimed features, a boss which is provided at a position adjacent to an end of the first slit, and is formed so as to be projecting upwardly above the first body in the closed state wherein the slider contacts with the end of the first slit, the boss slides along the second slit in the direction of the lower end of the second body in the opened state. Then, the boss is positioned on nearby the lower end of the second body. In the example shown in Fig.13, since the slider located under the screw and the boss is located under the engaging pawl hold nearby the lower end and the center of the second body, the obtained rotation preventing effect is significant compared with a portable telephone having no boss.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art does not teach or suggest the features of the claimed invention and therefore, cannot provide at least the advantages discussed above. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

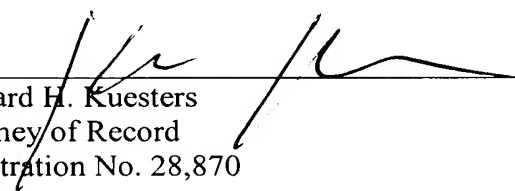
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